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First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering on this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 26, 1999 in connection with the above-captioned application. A copy of each document is also provided.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following, in regards to non-English language document AO2 cited on Form PTO 1449:

Document **AO2**, patent application WO 02/37114 is in the Japanese language. An English language abstract is attached as document **AR54**.

The Examiner is referred to the following related, co-pending patent application:

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U.S. Patent Application No. 10/235,674, filed September 6, 2002, inventors Ni *et al.*, submitted herewith as **AT53**.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection, or Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

Attached is our check no. 37447 in the amount of \$180.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

Consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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